

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Minnkota Power Coop, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line – Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-09-670

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS

March 24, 2011

On February 18, 2011, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Minnkota requests the Commission approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-06-04-02(b). If a corridor certificate is granted then a separate route permit application and hearing is required before designating a transmission line route within the approved corridor.

Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. **A Public Hearing on the application will be held:**

May 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the **Grand Forks County Building** Conference Room, 151 S 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties

May 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the **Chieftain Conference Center** Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave.S, **Carrington**, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties

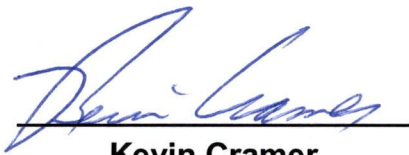
May 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at **Memorial Hall**, 805 Main Ave. **Washburn**, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.


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